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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING

1. THIS CABLE CONTAINS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT WILL USE IF THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FRANCE WILL NOT SELL OR HAS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED THE SALE OF A REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN. THE GUIDANCE IS IN TWO SETS - ONE IF PAKISTAN ANNOUNCES IT WILL PROCEED ON ITS OWN IN THE WAKE OF THE FRENCH DECISION, A SECOND IF IT

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DOES NOT.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL USE GUIDANCE ONLY IN CASE OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO ANY SPECULATIVE MEDIA STORIES, WE WILL SUGGEST GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND PAKISTAN BE QUERIED. IN EVENT OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT, EMBASSIES PARIS AND ISLAMABAD SHOULD REFER ALL QUERIES TO THE DEPARTMENT.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. TO BE USED IF THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FRANCE WILL NOT SELL A REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN, AND IF PAKISTAN ANNOUNCES IT WILL BUILD ONE OF ITS OWN.

Q: WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE ON THE REPORTED

FRENCH DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE REPROCESSING SALE TO PAKISTAN? DID THE U.S. PERSUADE THE FRENCH TO MAKE THE DECISION?

A: THIS DECISION INVOLVED THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND PAKISTAN AND WAS THEIR'S ALONE.

Q: BUT THE U.S. MUST HAVE AN OPINION ON THE REPORTED CANCELLATION. WHAT IS THE U.S. VIEW?

A: IN GENERAL TERMS, OUR POLICY ON NON-PROLIFERATION IS WELL-KNOWN. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PREMATURE COMMERCIALIZATION OF REPROCESSING AND THE SPREAD OF NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITIES.

Q: WHAT IS THE USG REACTION TO THE PAKISTANI ANNOUNCEMENT?

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A: OUR OPPOSITION TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITIES IS WELL-KNOWN. WE REGRET THE ANNOUNCED DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO PROCEED ON ITS OWN.

Q: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE AID PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN?

A: OUR OPPOSITION TO THE PROLIFERATION OF REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY IS A MATTER OF RECORD. WE CANNOT BE MORE SPECIFIC ON HOW PAKISTAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WILL AFFECT OUR RELATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE HAD TIME TO REVIEW THE SITUATION.

(BACKGROUND) - THE GLENN AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT CALLS FOR THE CESSATION OF FOREIGN AID - NOT INCLUDING PL-480 SALES OR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE - TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH RECEIVES REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY FROM ABROAD. ALTHOUGH THE AMENDMENT IS NOT EXPLICIT ON THE QUESTION OF INDIGENOUSLY CONSTRUCTED REPROCESSING FACILITIES, OUR STRONG STAND AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE KINDS OF FACILITIES WOULD NEVERTHELESS REQUIRE US TO REVIEW CLOSELY OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PAKISTAN IF IT PROCEEDED ON ITS OWN TO BUILD THE PLANT.

4. TO BE USED IF THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT FRANCE WILL NOT SELL A REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN, AND IF PAKISTAN DOES NOT SAY IT WILL PROCEED ON ITS OWN.

Q: WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE ON THE REPORTED FRENCH DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE REPROCESSING SALE TO PAKISTAN? DID THE U.S. PERSUADE THE FRENCH TO MAKE THE DECISION?

A: THIS DECISION INVOLVED THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND PAKISTAN, AND WAS THEIR'S ALONE.

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Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE U.S. AID PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN NOW THAT A PLANT WILL NOT BE SOLD?

A: NEW AID AGREEMENTS WITH PAKISTAN HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED FOR SOME MONTHS PENDING A REVIEW OF PAKISTAN'S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE A REPROCESSING FACILITY. WITH RESOLUTION OF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE, WE WOULD HOPE TO RESUME THE SIGNING OF NEW AID AGREEMENTS AT AN EARLY DATE. WE HAVE HAD CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, AND NOW THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEHIND US, WE LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THOSE TIES.

Q: HOW MUCH AID IS INVOLVED? HOW MUCH HAVE WE GIVEN PAKISTAN OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS?

A: THERE IS APPROXIMATELY \$ (TO BE FILLED IN LATER) WORTH OF AID LOANS THAT COULD BE SIGNED BY THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. THESE ARE DIRECTED AT MEETING THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF THE RURAL MAJORITY IN PAKISTAN, AND INCLUDE SUCH PROJECTS AS POTABLE WATER AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. OVER THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, WE HAVE SIGNED AID AGREEMENTS WITH PAKISTAN WORTH SLIGHTLY MORE THAN \$3.5 BILLION.

Q: HOW LONG WAS THE AID FREEZE IN EFFECT?

A: OUR LAST AID AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN WAS SIGNED IN
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LATE SUMMER, 1976. I WOULD NOTE THAT ALL PREVIOUSLY INITIATED AID PROGRAMS WERE CONTINUED, AS WERE PL-480 SALES.

Q: DO WE HAVE ANY MILITARY AID PROGRAMS AND WERE THEY AFFECTED?

A: ALL OUR MILITARY SALES TO PAKISTAN ARE ON A CASH-ONLY BASIS. WE DO HAVE A SMALL GRANT PROGRAM, ABOUT \$600 THOUSAND PER YEAR, FOR TRAINING PAKISTANI MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED. CHRISTOPHER

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